

ADVISORY COMMITTEES—FUNCTIONS OF

101. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*):

- (a) Will the Government be pleased to state the functions of the various Advisory Committees of the Legislative Council, and
- (b) will the Government be pleased to state whether the Committees are debarred from advising on or discussing matters of policy pertaining to various Departments?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

- (a) Copies of Government Orders regarding the constitution and functions of the Advisory Committees are placed on the Council table.
- (b) No answer is necessary in view of the answer above.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): May I know Sir, whether if questions of policy are really meant to be introduced as subjects of practical politics the Advisory Committee can consider them. The Committee can discuss only questions of a practical nature. I wish to know what are the questions of a practical nature which the Committee can consider?

Mr. President : For example if it is an application from an aided school to be taken over by Government then it is a practical question. But question whether the Government should take over aided schools or not, is a question of policy. There is no use of the Advisory Committee discussing that. That is the distinction.

IRINJALAKKUDA MOTOR UNION—REDUCTION IN BUSES
AND TIMINGS—REQUEST FOR

102. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Irinjalakkuda Motor Union petitioned the Diwan for permission to reduce the number of buses and timings in the matter of plying between Pullut and Trichur and if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state the orders passed on the petition?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. As an experimental measure for one year, the number is reduced from 10 to 7.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): May I know who represented the Motor Union before the Diwan?

Mr. President : The President of the Union.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (Cranganur): May I know whether the Government are aware of the tremendous inconvenience caused to the public by the reduction in the number?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government): It is done only as an experimental measure.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (Cranganur): But the experiment can be a nuisance.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government): It will be reviewed after one year.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (Cranganur): It is the only service between Trichur and Pullut for a distance of more than 20 miles. We used to have a bus for every 40 minutes and now there is only one, for every hour and we have to wait for one hour for crossing from Pullut.

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon (Commissioner of Police): I have made arrangements to take statistics of the inconveniences caused.

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): What is the policy involved in the reduction of buses, instead of leaving it to competition?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government): I think there was a tender and that tender was accepted so far as this line is concerned. Subsequently they complained that on account of the taxes and tolls the number may be reduced.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (Ezhuvas-Talappalli): What tender was it? Was it a tender to ply the buses?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government): The right to run the buses there.

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): Who offers the right? Is there any rule?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government): I made a mistake. It is only with regard to the Anchal service.

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): What is the policy involved in reducing the number?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon (Commissioner of Police): There was only this union existing when I came over here.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (Vadakkancheri): Will not the reduction in the number from 10 to 7 affect the revenue derivable from the tolls?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (Secretary to Government): It may.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): Has the number of buses been taken into consideration when the tolls are fixed?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): No.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): The contractors have taken the tolls on the understanding that there will be 10 buses. If that is reduced they will be losing.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): That is a matter for them to look out. Government never gave out a guarantee that a fixed number of buses will run.

Mr. K. Ayyappan (*Ezhuvas-Kanayannur*): What was the necessity to reduce the number?

Mr. President: The Police Commissioner gives a particular timing and they are bound to observe it.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): May I know whether there were not representations from the Motor Union that on account of the heavy tolls they have to pay, they are put to very great difficulties?

Mr. President: It was that representation that induced the Government to give this concession as an experimental measure.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Are the Government aware that they were really running at a loss?

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know whether there is an arrangement between the Anchal and Police Department with regard to the matter of granting licenses especially to Anchal buses which undertake to carry mails?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): No.

Mr. A. L. Antony (*Irinjalakkuda*): May I know whether in the previous years all the ten buses were running regularly and whether there was any break?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): In the case of a break-down there will be a break.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): Is there anything preventing the owner from reducing the number?

Mr. President: He is bound to observe the timings given by the Police Commissioner and if the timing requires ten buses to be run he has to run them.

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): We see that all these buses run regularly without any break.

Mr. A. L. Antony (*Irinjalakkuda*): Which is the starting place of these buses, Trichur or Pulloot?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): Some start from Trichur and others from Pulloot.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): If he reduces the number of buses, is he penalised?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): If he makes a deliberate default he is punished.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Was this reduction made in the beginning of the year or in the middle of the year?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): The order was passed only two months ago.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know whether there were applications from the toll contractors for running buses during the timings that were cancelled?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): There was an offer made by the contractors of the tolls that they would run the buses. But that was not allowed.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): May I know whether there were complaints from passengers about the inconvenience caused?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Some representations have been received.

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): I found that it was engineered by the toll contractors.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): What was the need of a petition to the Diwan?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): Because I would not allow it.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): Were any enquiries made with regard to the petitions?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): I was hesitating and the request would have been refused, since I thought that the representations were not justified.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Do the Government think that because of this reduction the passengers are put to difficulty?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): I have arranged to collect the statistics and I am watching to see

whether there is inconvenience. I have posted Police men in their mufty to see whether they refuse to take in any people.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (Cranganur): May I know the interval between two buses, after the reduction?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon (Commissioner of Police): The same interval.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (Cranganur): They were running at every 40 minutes but now they run only at intervals of one hour. That is why I say there is no necessity to collect the statistics.

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon (Commissioner of Police): I do not think I have made any change in the interval. But some buses may not be running.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (Trichur-South): Except for the grievance of the Motor Union do the Government think that the public are inconvenienced because of the reduction?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon (Commissioner of Police): So far, there is no evidence that the public are being inconvenienced.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. ഭാഷകർ: പത്തു ബസ്സ് എഴുപതി കറച്ചപ്പോൾ നമ്പർ ആഫ് ടിപ്പ് എത്ര കറയും?

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റാവുബഹദൂർ എം. നാരായണമേനോൻ: അതു പറയാൻ നോട്ടീസ് വേണം.

ANCHAL OFFICE AT PARAPPUR—OPENING OF

103. Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Mulakunnathukavu): Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether there have been requests from the inhabitants of Parappur for an Anchal Office there;

(b) if so, how the request was disposed of?

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